25 June 1962

MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant to DD/I (Planning)

SUBJECT : Comments on the Proposed Dis-

establishment of the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Arab-Israeli Situation

1. The subject of the possible abolishment of the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Arab-Israeli Situation came up during a pre-USIB briefing session about 5 June. On that occasion, AD/NE de-livered himself of an impassioned speech in favor of keeping the Group in existence. He said he felt it was doing an essential job in a modest. efficient way, and if it was abolished, it would have to be re-established when the time came to do the work.

2. I wish to associate myself with AD/NE's views.

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